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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): AOTA, et al.

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For: EXTRUDED FRAME MEMBER FOR USE IN
FRICTION STIR WELDING

Group: 1772

Examiner: C. Simone

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

May 13, 2002

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 13, 2002, please amend
the above-identified application as follows:

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IN THE CLAIMS

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Please amend the claims presently in the application as follows:

1. (Amended) An extruded frame member for use in friction stir
welding, said extruded frame member including a plate having a width and a
length, the length extending in an extruded direction, wherein:

at least one end portion of the width of the plate of the extruded frame

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